viding a basis for discussion, no vote was taken on it, in case it should be defeated and the Conference find itself left with nothing to discuss and no reason for continuing. Each article, as meeting succeeded meeting, acquired amendments, many pages of them, until the whole became visibly swollen. Between sessionsf Henderson went to Paris, London and Berlin, for the purpose o, engaging in conversations which might prepare the way for better progress when the Conference reassembled; one of the many who had made, and were to make, this hopeless pilgrimage.

The presence of a disarmed Power, Germany, at the Disarm-ament Conference was as embarrassing as the presence of a starving man at a conference of medical experts assembled to investigate malnutrition. For the armed to discuss disarmament was innocuous, since none seriously intended to lay aside their weapons; but the re-armament of the disarmed was fearful to envisage. When the suggestion was made that Germany should be granted a theoretical equality of status, and the right to have token specimens of weapons forbidden by the Treaty of Ver-sailles, a sudden liveliness possessed the Conference; like jovial drinkers in a bar suddenly called on to pay their reckoning, count their change. Token tanks manned by token Germans, unlike permitted guns of perhaps 100 mm. calibre, perhaps 150 mm., would be real, would exist; not susceptible to amendment, pro-viding no basis for discussion, nor conveniently carried in leather satchels. Discussing disarmament, the armed trembled before the disarmed, and were more than ever inclined to go on arming when proposals for disarming were seen to involve

the re-arming of a once dangerous enemy.

There should be no equality of status, no token weapons, it was tremulously decided; then, when a deadlock resulted, the decision was tremulously reversed. Admit equality of status, perhaps even allow token weapons; but let there be a period of probation, say of five years, better still of eight years, during which a system of armament supervision would be tried out, and arms be progressively destroyed, year by year so many, until at the end of the probationary period all, like Germany,